eResearchNZ 2018- Call for Participation

Thank you for your interest in participating in eResearchNZ 2018.

We welcome submissions for **lightning talks**, **presentations**, **posters**, and **workshops** of work underway or complete within the last year.

Aims
eResearchNZ, as a national forum for discussion, aims to:

- Promote shared approaches to supporting eResearch needs
- Highlight current and emerging research priorities and trends
- Draw on experience from other regions
- Share work in progress and project outcomes.

Theme
The eResearch Outlook: Impact, Sustainability and Excellence

The conference theme will guide the following four streams designed to ensure you maximize your time at eResearchNZ 2018

Strategic Executive Gather key stakeholders to work together to achieve a combined focus for digital transformation in research

Research Innovation Using peer to peer sharing of innovative work practices to influence research communities nationally

Research IT Technical Building awareness and engagement with IT practitioners involved in the Research Community

Early Career Researchers Helping researchers in their analyses by encouraging sharing practices with fellow researchers, and an opportunity for professional development and mentoring.

Submissions on real and recent work done, relating experiences, exposing the cultural, organisational, and technical considerations in developing eResearch capabilities and delivering eResearch solutions are welcome.

All submissions should be in reference to work currently underway or completed within the last year.

Types of Contributions
There are many ways to contribute to eResearchNZ 2018, with all contributions needing to meet with eResearchNZ Themes and Aims. Further details of each type are outlined below:

Ignite - Lightning Talks
Ignite - Lightning Talks are a series of short 5 minute talks, where each talk is by a different speaker, and each speaker has 5 minutes to talk to 20 slides, with each slide advancing after 15 seconds. "The presentations are meant to "ignite" the audience on a subject, i.e. to generate awareness and to stimulate thought and action on the subjects presented." See [Wikipedia - Ignite.](#)

Presentations
Presentations should aim to engage the audience, to create interest, seek feedback and encourage further enquiry. Presentations are approx. 15 minute long conversation starters, followed by 5 minutes for further discussion, for a total of *20 minutes. Presentations must reference work currently underway or completed within the last year. A full paper is not required for submission. Please note double slots can be requested. Eg where 20mins might not be enough. *Timings subject to change.*

Posters
Posters encourage direct engagement between those with interesting work to share and a wide audience, in a personal setting. Posters will be mounted in the open space available to attendees during breaks.

Workshops
Workshops are intended to support specific conversations within a narrower focus by communities with common eResearch needs or interests. Workshop proposals should indicate the topic along with the approach taken to engaging attendees in the Workshop discussions rather than be presentation sessions only. Workshops are integrated within eResearch NZ rather than as a series of adjacent satellite meetings. We will work with Workshop proposers to develop a programme that meets the needs of the delegates and complements the presentation programme. Workshops are scheduled in 3 hour blocks, and can span multiple blocks. Each Workshop block will be scheduled on a different day. Registration for the conference is required for attendance at Workshops, although if you would prefer you are welcome to subsidize your delegates attendance, by arrangement with the conference organisers.

Submission Details
Each submission is to be completed on the submission template provided and requests a Title (up to 15 words) and Abstract. Please compose these carefully as they are likely to be used as submitted in the Conference Programme and on the web site.
If you wish for your submission to be peer reviewed, your abstract should not be shorter than one page.

[Submit your abstract here](#).

Evaluation of Proposals

All submissions will be reviewed, based on the following criteria:

- relevance to the themes and aims of eResearch NZ 2018
- originality and degree of engagement to the eResearch community
- relevance and applicability to the audience

All submitters will receive an email confirming the outcome of their proposal. All of these criteria are key considerations in the acceptance of all submissions. We reserve the right to discuss your submission with you as part of the process of assembling the programme, and may accept your proposal under a different category, for example accepting a presentation as a poster.

Important Dates

5 May 2017	Submissions Open
15 July 2017	Submissions close
15 August 2017	Presenters informed whether or not their abstract has been accepted
1 October 2017	Programme announcement
02 October	Early Bird registration closes
15 October 2017	All presenters will need to have registered for the conference to guarantee a place in the programme.

About eResearch NZ

eResearch encompasses all of the information technology infrastructure and software that supports a research community. This includes the people, computing and software platforms that connect equipment, data, and other computing resources with people, along with collections management, platforms to run experiments, and advanced collaboration tools. eResearch communities thrive on deep engagement with researchers, supporting the formation and operation of effective digitally supported research communities.

New Zealand's eResearch community is growing in confidence and experience across a broad range of research application & service areas, in the humanities and social sciences, physical and biological sciences, mathematics and engineering. The symposium aims to bring together practitioners from a range of research communities, including those involved in using, developing, and supporting software applications and services which take advantage of distributed collaboration platforms for team science. It is an opportunity to meet some of the leaders of eResearch initiatives within NZ and internationally, and to hear about practice and to share understanding and experiences.